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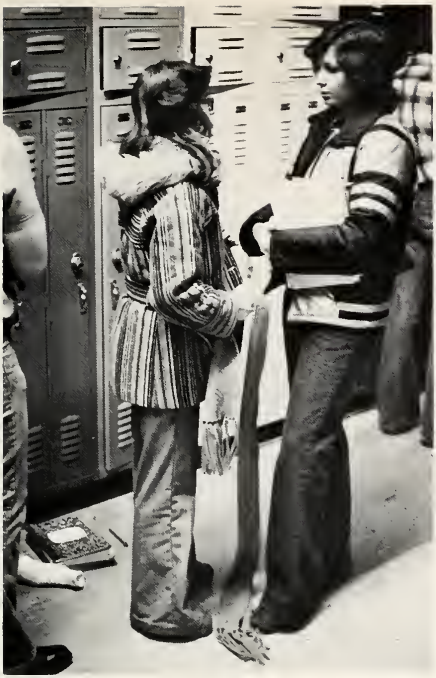
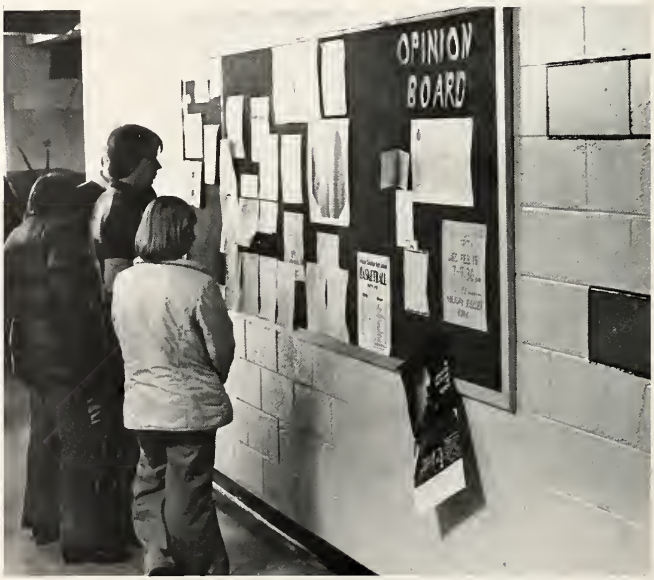
The sun rises, a new day has arrived. With the ringing of alarm clocks, people all over awaken from a night's rest and begin a basic cycle that they will repeat over and over again.



If daily schedules were exactly the same we would be nothing more than robots, beings without feelings. Fortunately, no two moments in time are ever the same; each minute is filled with new surprises.

Because our lives pass so quickly we need to accept the risks which take us to places never seen before. The patterns that we follow need to be altered in order to find the excitement which life holds. To seek the unknown is to find answers as to why we are who we are.



By working together we become aware of many world needs and issues. Together we come to new understandings of ourselves and our purpose. We also question and begin to appreciate our individual lifestyles. Most importantly we become strengthened through the encouragement of friends and fellow students.

As a group we move to class, sit together in chapel, eat together at lunch, and wait patiently for the time when the last bell will ring. When it does we move away to our separate living places which we call home. Then comes time for entertainment, relaxation, and once again, rest.

Rest brings freshness and new strength. Soon the alarm clock rings. Another day has come. What will it bring? The cycle—a timeless pattern begins again.

PEOPLE

Board and Administration

It is policy "that the board shall be responsible for the operation of the school, including finances, selection of officers and teachers, and shall determine the academic and religious standards." It is our goal to fulfill this policy and keep BCHS an active asset to Christian education. I find the board very functional, concerned, and willing to serve the students, parents, church, and the community.

The Board's main task the last several years has been debt liquidation, After the completion of the debt liquidation, BCHS will be freer to accomplish goals that have been postponed because of other financial commitments.

The Board planning committee is developing long range plans for BCHS. We are concerned with public relations, fund raising, student recruitment, curriculum development, and better facilities.

The Board appreciates the Christian homes and the church which provide facilities and a sharing of responsibility in operating BCHS.

Dennis Weaver, Bob Miller, Flossie Yoder, Dennis Schrock, Leamon Sowell, Oris Yoder, Gerald Wilson, John Mosemann, Herb Maust

Bill Hooley, BA, ME, EdD, Superintendent

I am grateful for my responsibilities at BCHS; I'm thankful that the church has recognized and affirmed my gifts. Especially fulfilling is the challenge of helping BCHS to be a PERSON-CENTERED Christian school—a place where each is affirmed and helped to become what God wants him to be.

The private and personal side of life is equally full and rich. I am a man of the soil, excited about raising cattle and breaking horses. I live close to nature and deeply appreciate watching the phases of the moon, feeling wind and rain on my face, knowing the river, and understanding the habits of deer. I receive deep satisfaction from pruning the orchard, cutting wood, and improving the productivity of the farm as I experience the sweat of hard labor.

Even though I enjoy my work and hobbies, I find that I need to be alone at regular times. When it is warm I spend time by the river, often late at night; in the winter I retreat to a warm corner of the barn. These times of meditating, praying and reflecting help me keep a proper perspective on my life and work. In contrast to being regularly alone, I also feel a deep need to interact and share with people. I meet regularly with four or five different friends with whom I am as open and transparent as possible. These people are a part of me—they have helped to make me who I am.

My work at BCHS is deeply satisfying to me, but equally significant in my life is my farm, my "alone" time, and my intimate sharing with friends.

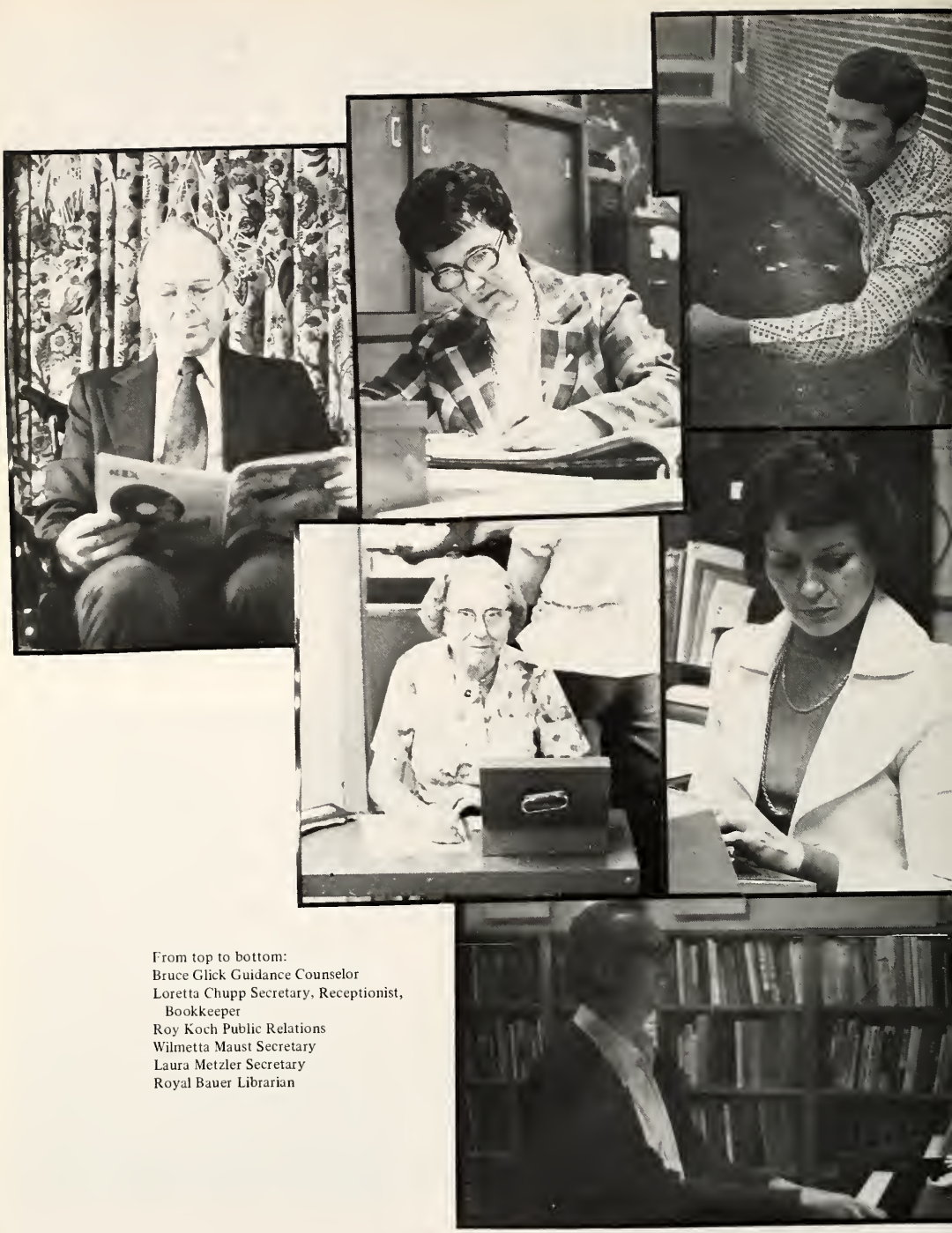
Bill Hooley

I have enjoyed my three years at Bethany Christian High School but have found during the past two years I have little time for outside interests. Being Principal, Athletic Director, and Basketball Coach leaves little time for hobbies and activities not related to the school. Some of my interests are hunting, fishing, camping, house painting, farming, and hiking. I also teach a Sunday School Class and sing in the choir and special groups at church.

However, even with the frustration of not having time for everything I want to do, I have found working at BCHS an enjoyable and fulfilling experience. My Christian life has been strengthened as I have worked with students, faculty, and staff. Finding that all of us here at Bethany have common ideals has increased my faith in mankind and in God.

Ed Herr

Ed Herr, BA, MS, Principal



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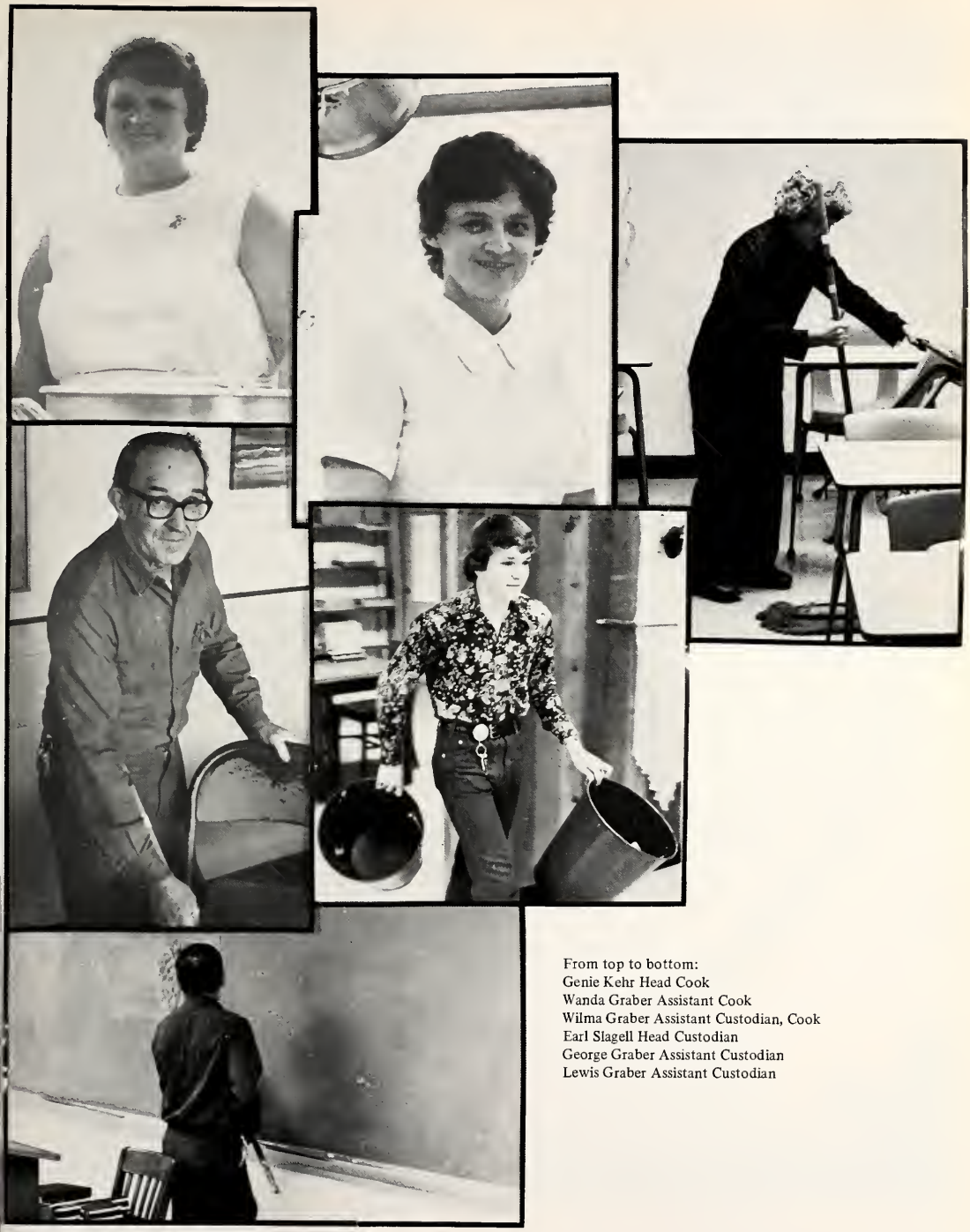

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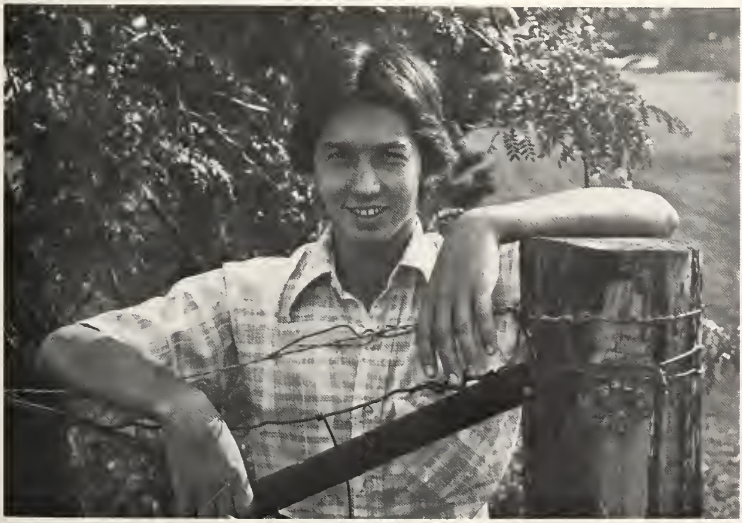

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Harry and Norita

Lorna Farmwald
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Marlyn and Mary

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Leon and Judy

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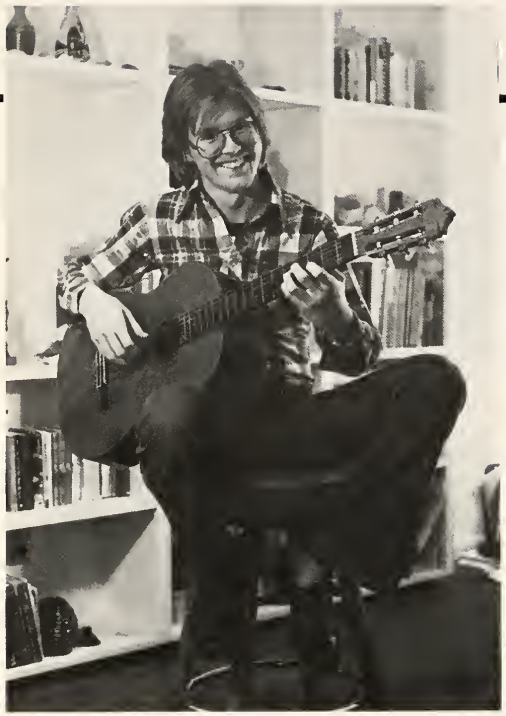

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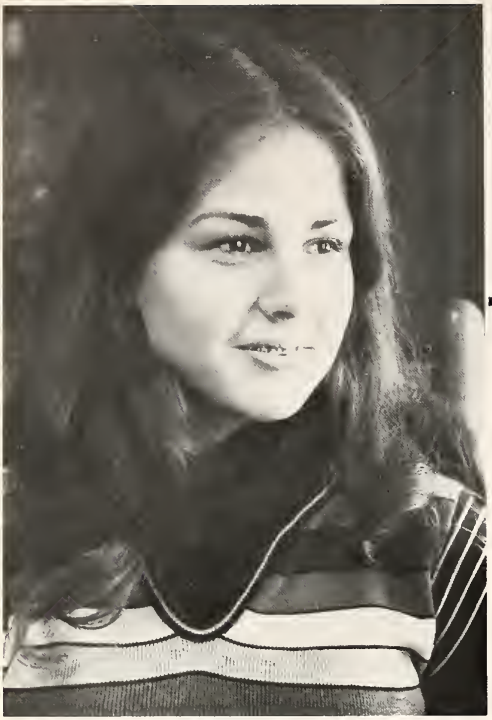

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Homer and Mary

Keith Yoder
Lester and Florine

It has been said that there is very little time between the point when one stops drinking from the trough and begins to fill it. As seniors we were suddenly no longer the sheep but the shepherds. Although we were by no means perfect, we hope that we were examples for the lower classes to look up to, and that we inspired them to do better than we had done.

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Eleanor

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Clarence and Ella

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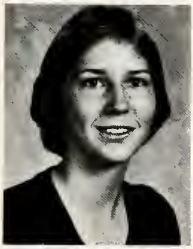

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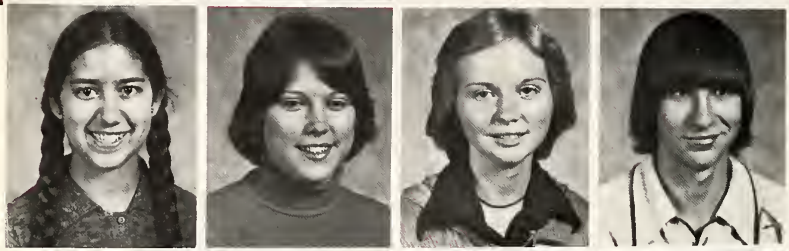

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Ken Hochstetler
Ken Hollinger
Connie Hoover
Loren Hostetter

Rod Kaufman
Catherine Kucinskas

Things do not change; we change.

Thoreau

Todd Lederman
Mary Lehman

Susan Loy
Elise Martin
Michel Martin
Sherri Martin

Anita Maust
John Metzger
Linda Metzler
Carl Miller

Cliff Miller
JoAnn Miller
Rachel Miller
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George Smith

Dale Snyder
Cindy Sommers
Dallas Sommers

Gene Stutzman
Kermit Stutzman
Rose Ann Stutzman

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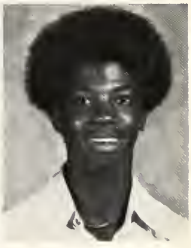

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Nora Chavez

Chris Eash

Jonathan Eash
Roger Gingerich
Marla Graybill
Cindy Hartzler

Kay Hartzler
Barbara Helmuth
Chuck Hochstetler
Grace Hochstetler

Imagination is more important than knowledge.

Albert Einstein

Kathy Hochstetler
Lynette Hochstetler

Deb Homes
Joy Hooley

Roger Hoover
Wilbur Hostetler

Mike Howard
Eric Jeschke

Gail Kauffman
Jamie Kauffman

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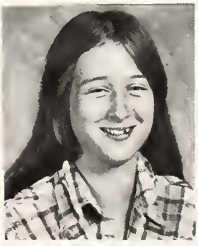

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Connie Miller
Karen Miller
Titus Miller
Wesley Parker

Rod Schmucker
James Schaffer
Bruce Slabaugh
Jeff Sluiter

Chuck Snyder
Greg Sommers
Tim Stern
Carolyn Stoll

Lois Stoltzfus
Terri Stoltzfus
Steve Strasser
Kim Stutzman

Philip Stutzman
Daryle Swihart
Rachele Thomas
Cindy Troyer

Rick Troyer
Becky Jo Weaver
Carol Weirich
Pauline Wickey

William Wiggins
Rachel Wise

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Kevin Yoder

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Michael Gingrich

Susie Glick

Jeff Hartzler

No one can be happy unless he feels in some way important.

Greg Henderson
Kent Hershberger

Rachel Hochstetler
John Hooley

Grace Hunsberger
Tyrone Hunt
Carla Inbody
Belva Keene

Kendra King
Jeryl Kolb
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Jerry Martin
Barbara Meyer

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Eric Miller
Marty Miller
Randy Miller

ViEtta Miller
Doug Rheinheimer
Don Riley
Scott Slabaugh

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Dean Smith

Paul Steury
Roger Swartzendruber

Lisa Taapken
Joyce Tyson
Steve Voran
Tami Walters

Burnell Weaver
Jeff Wenger
Charlotte Yoder
Karen Yoder

Karla Yoder

Glenn Bontrager was the victim of a drowning accident in the Elkhart River on September 9, 1977. Because he only spent his sophomore and part of his junior year at Bethany, many of us didn't get to know him very well. Glenn was a young Christian who was active in his neighborhood and church community.

On July 2, 1977, Debi Miller was killed in a trail-bike–train accident. She would have been a junior this year at BCHS. We deeply feel the loss of Debi, and remember the many contributions she shared as a fellow student at BCHS.

Edhy

My name is Edhy Sudiyono and I come from Indonesia. I came to the States under the MCC Exchange Visitor program. I joined the program because I wanted to know the Christian life here as well as to study English.

I come from the Mennonite Community in Central Java. Java occupies a small part of the Indonesian Islands. I live in the middle of the Moslem Community. Because the fundamental belief in Indonesia is in God, every religion is allowed to grow. We live together, share together to build our country without discrimination among the religions.

I really am impressed with Christian life here as well as with friendship. I do enjoy my work at Bethany High because all the faculty members and students are good to me. The student-student, student-teacher friendships are really close and full of brotherly love.

Latecomers

Julia Reimer, Donna Bontrager, Sharla Miller, Debra Frederick,
Paul Reimer, Janell Witmer Not present–Michele Smith

ACADEMICS

Art

Mabel Nisley, BS, Art

Terri Ann Stern artistically cuts up styrofoam

Once upon a time in ancient Greece, there lived a very learned scholar of art who took pride in knowing the innermost meaning of the subject.

One day the scholar chanced upon a small boy drawing pictures in the sand. The boy was obviously illiterate, but was good and very happy. The sheer delight which showed in the boy's face made the scholar both happy and humble.

From then on, although he was very knowledgeable in the subject of art, the scholar did not pride himself so much about it.

Devon Schrock, BA, MA, English

English

Carolyn Dueck and Terry Bontrager take a talk break

Janelle Diller, BA, Social Studies, English

English is nouns, pronouns and adjectives fixed in crazy patterns on the page. It's researching a thesis, coaxing slow ideas into reluctant sentences. English is reading Greek tragedy and wondering how Ismene felt when told she couldn't share the blame. It's plodding heavily through MOBY DICK, getting mad at mad Ahab and his word-wielding creator, and realizing the weariness of Steinbeck's losers, then taking the test at the end of the book and wondering if you too are a loser. It's having the teacher ask, "Why did they bury that screaming woman there in the vacant lot?" "Why did Lady Macbeth walk in her sleep?" "What does a broken jaw symbolize?" It's hoping he will not ask you his questions, because your mind is on Mike, who sits behind you, and on the Jimtown game, which is ahead of you.

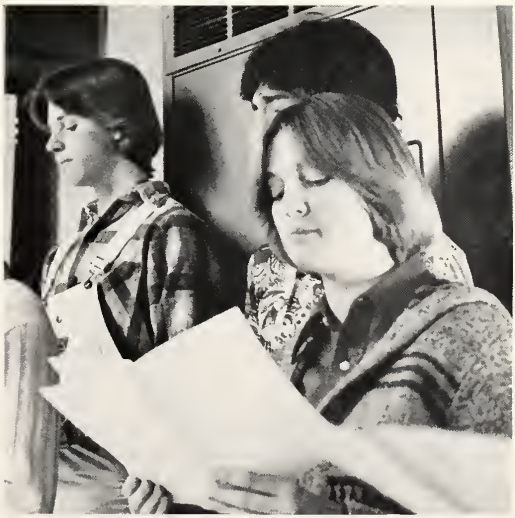
Choirs

Diane Schrock, BA, Music

Bethany Chorale

Bethany Chorale is an unlimited-sized choir composed of students from all four grades. Their sharing of talents included a chapel, school concerts, and several church concerts in the spring. The group traveled one Sunday to southern Indiana where they led the services in three congregations.

A select group of forty choir members was formed and named Concert Choir. Their task was not only to participate in the annual school and church concerts, but also to prepare for the 16th Mennonite High School Choir Festival. The nine choirs met in April at Kidron, Ohio. Although singing in a mass Choir of 360 was the greatest highlight, the Bethany Concert Choir singing at Archbold enroute to Kidron completed the weekend.



Loren Hostetter and Stephanie Haines follow music closely

Orchestra

Tour choir

A select group was formed from the Concert Choir to lead several congregations in worship, thus moving them to a deeper understanding of God's work. They gave six performances in a four-day weekend in Michigan including the Upper Peninsula area.

With the helpfulness and participation of Bill and Edith Hooley and Diane Schrock, the group chose the theme "Christ in Us—The Hope of Glory" from Colossians 1:27. Songs, drama, readings, and litanies were used to portray the group's interpretation of God working through us and of our task in the world.

Sam Martin, BS, Music Education

The past year was one of expansion for the orchestra. We achieved the status of meeting five days a week and formed a pep band. The string players and some winds forfeited long lunch hours to play with the Goshen High School orchestra and most of our concerts were performed together.

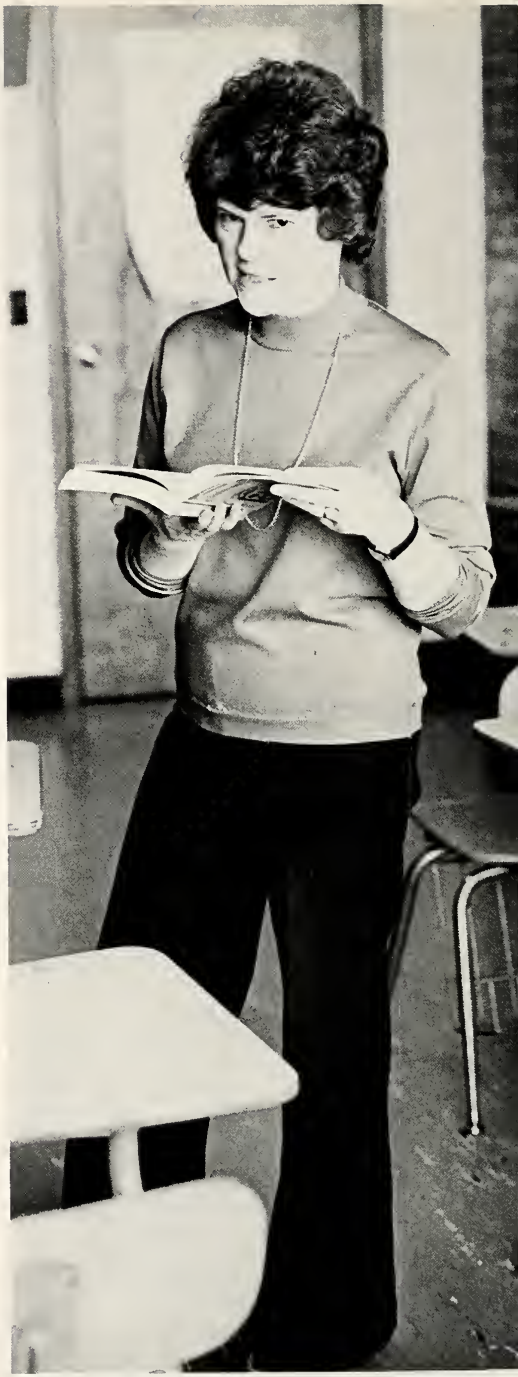
Sam's drive to improve the orchestra and offer a better "educational program" stems from and appreciation of and a belief in music. While we vary in our commitment to music, we can all experience the joy and satisfaction of molding sounds into music—an expression of ourselves.

Carolyn Dueck concentrates on her cello

Foreign Language

It takes concentration to read

Dallas Sommers reads ASTERIX–a comic



Irene Gross, training in Switzerland, German

Peach leads Spanish discussion

Allen Peachey, BA, Spanish

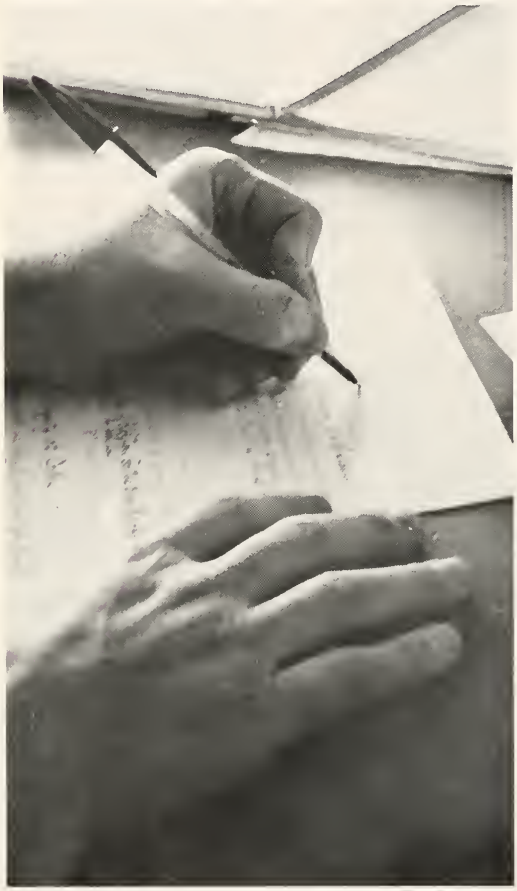
Both German and Spanish are a progression of understandings and frustrations. When we first begin the task of learning a foreign language, we are baffled by the new sounds and seemingly illogical grammar. After endless exercises on verb endings and the declension of articles, we come to a point where it all fits together. Then comes the glorious day when we realize that we can communicate with each other in our adopted language. Even more important, we have opened the way to understanding another people and their culture.

Math

Math is disciplining yourself to learn new concepts. Though at times we become frustrated in our memorizing and illogical reasoning we are continuously motivated to keep trying.

Joyce Eby, BA, Mathematics

Eric Miller—mathed out



Diana Detwiler, BS, Business Education

Commerce

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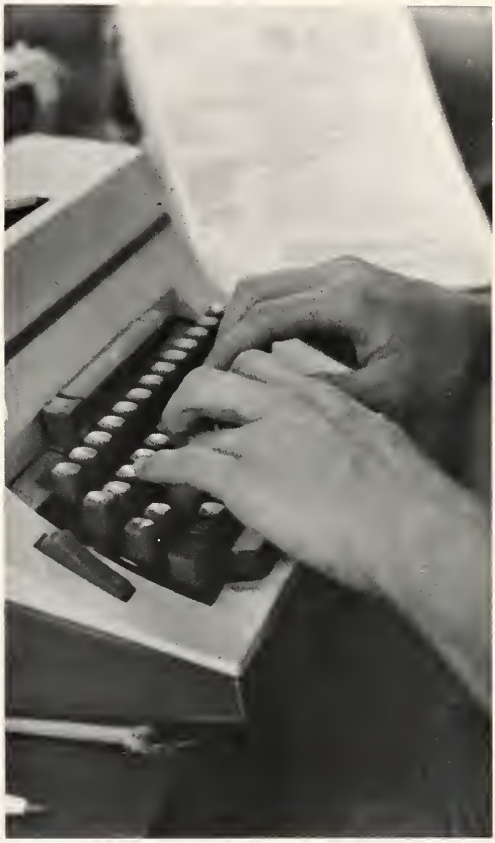
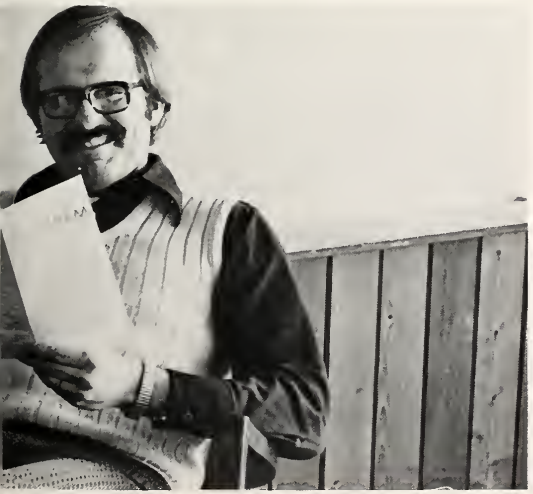
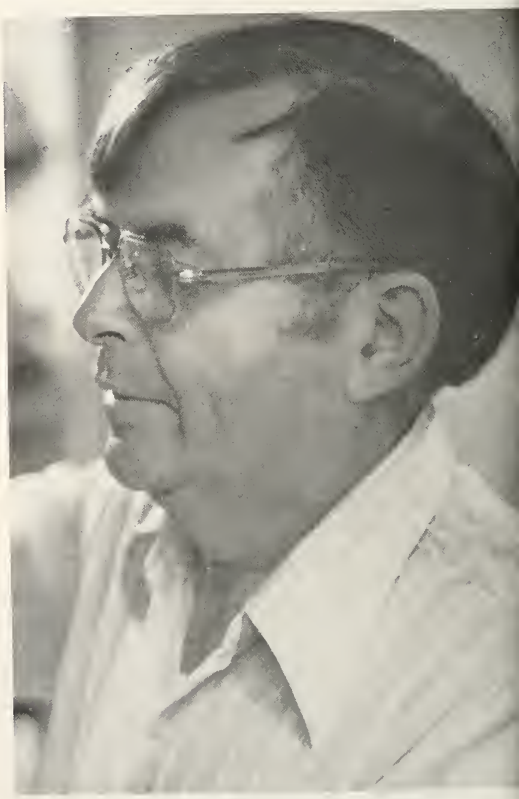




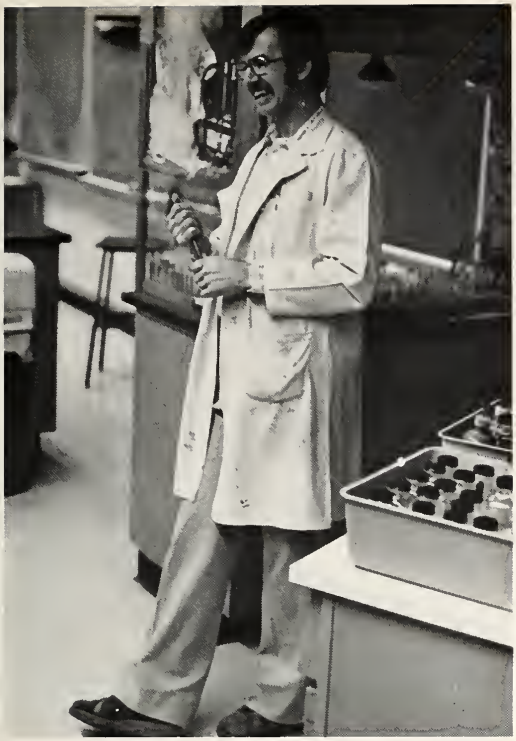
Keith Stuckey, BA, MS, Mathematics

Diana Yoder lines up images in Physics

Lori Yoder sketches cells



Lester Culp, BS, MS, Science, Agriculture



Roy Hartzler, BS, MS Ed, Science

Science

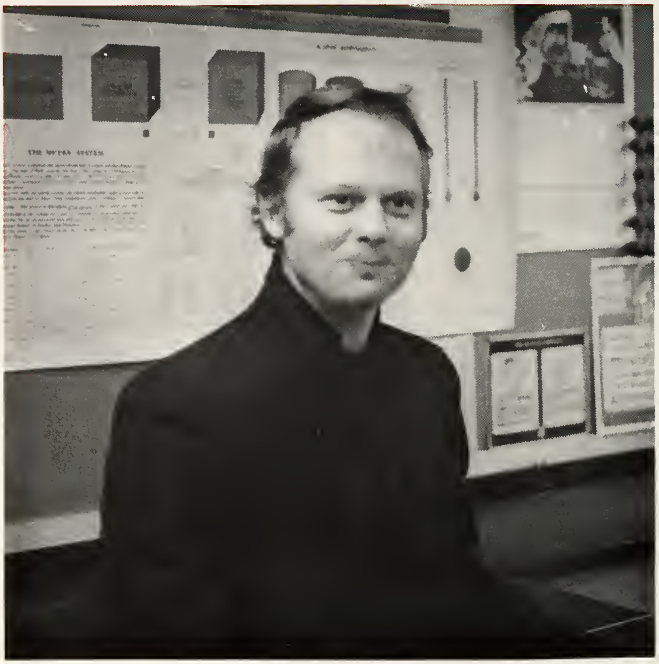
In earth science we learn why it rains, how the glaciers shaped the landscape and what rocks are made of. We cut open a frog in biology, collect leaves, chase birds and learn why our hearts thump.

In chemistry we mix smelly liquids, figure out atomic numbers, learn about nuclear reactions and fumigate the room with jets of unlit gas.

Physics is where we learn about $E=mc^2$ and $K.E.=\frac{1}{2}mv^2$. And one day when we're learning about light waves, we look out the window at the clouds and ask ourselves, "I wonder why it rains?"

Bible

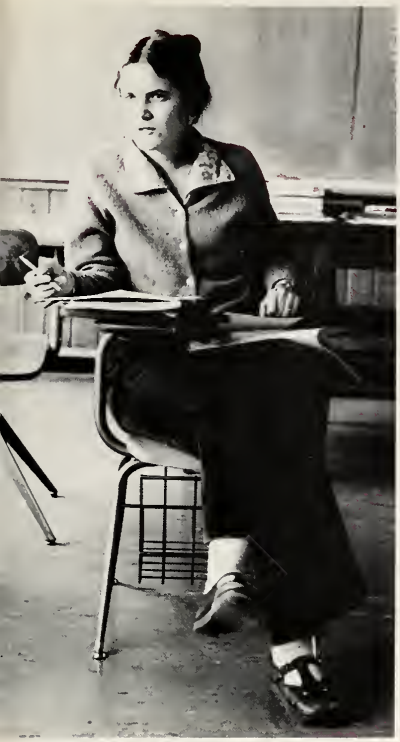
Marvin:
smiles as he hands you one of his infamous tests
laughs when you're fighting for an extra point
grins as he tells of early Christian persecution and torture
likes animals (cows) so much he lets them walk all over him
Bible must be a "fun" course. Why else would everybody take it?



Marvin Yoder, BA MDiv, Bible

Eric Mumaw takes advantage of study hall

Social Studies



Nina Lanctot, B. Ph., English, Social Studies

Angie Swartzendruber concentrates on Government

Pizza fondue in Psych.?

Wilmer Hollinger, BA, MA, Social Studies, Bible

Studies of individuals and groups of people (Psychology, Sociology, etc.) help us to see within ourselves as we observe others conscious and unconscious tendencies. History shows the steps man has taken in order to live in the advanced world of today. Government gives us the kind of practical knowledge essential to being good citizens. Overlapping these is the field of current events, or what is happening right now in the world.

Practical Arts

Creativity is the ability to fashion something of beauty and of worth from a hodgepodge of diverse parts.

Only to the one who is self-taught does "It's impossible," hold no meaning.

For he that is experienced knows, that with God, all things are possible.

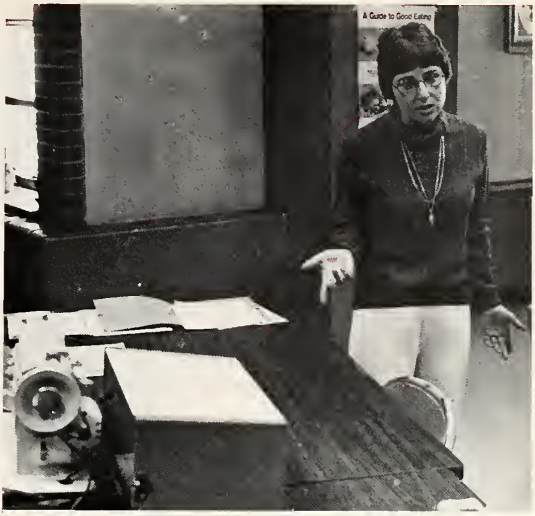
Wilbur Hershberger, MA, Industrial Arts

Never let anyone who hasn't tried himself, tell you, "You can't."

Greg Bontrager drills holes into a rock?

Rene Maust covers the least liked part of the class

Elaine Clymer BS, MA, Home Economics



Marilyn Stephens BS, MS, Home Economics

Lori Hershberger takes notes while listening

Some say, "Home Ec is for lazy do-nothings."
They are prejudiced.

Some think all is simple and say, "I can; if I try."
They will trip and fall.

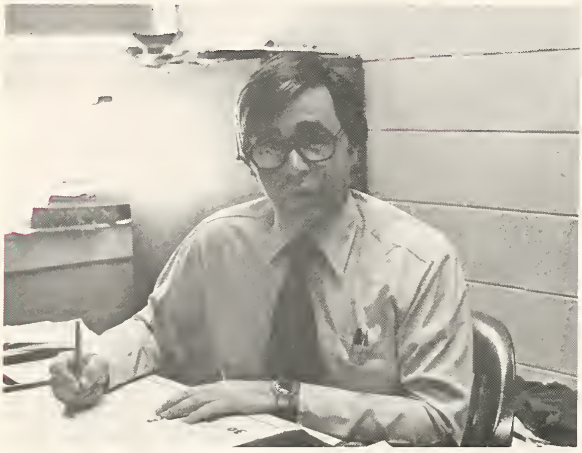
Their faces red and much ashamed, the now wise, proclaim,
"Please, teach me."

Disproved at last, the housewife myth,
She truly owns a God-given gift.

Phys. Ed.

Some people say, "P.E. is a good way to get to know others." This is true, but we alsc learn to know ourselves and our capabilities. For instance, at the beginning of a new course, such as bowling or tumbling, we feel a bit hopeless. But by the time the course is over, we realize that we have accomplished something besides making new aquaintances, especially if we bowl at least one game over 200 or manage six cartwheels in a row!

Taking a break from desk work



Dan Bodiker, BA, MA, Coach, Phys. Ed.

Tumbling in P.E.

Health

When thinking about Health, three things come to mind—
listening, discussing, and patience:
Listening to Pert's daily lectures, and
Discussing new approaches to issues we find exciting, while
Patiently waiting for the long-awaited bell.

Linda Shetler, BA, Coach, Phys. Ed., Health

Health students measure wrists

Pert explains what makes us tick

GROUPS

Suzanne Gross challenges Rachel Miller and Becci Bauman

Group rests at Anabaptist's Cave

Our trip was highlighted by discovering the historical importance that Switzerland holds in our Mennonite heritage. One afternoon we hiked up to a cave where the early Anabaptists held secret worship meetings. We also visited Zurich, the birth place of our church.

Willkommen in Europa!

This summer seven advanced German students and Irene Gross spent five weeks visiting Europe. We traveled by train through seven different countries—Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, and the Netherlands.

The trip itself was a chance-of-a-lifetime-experience. And getting along with six other peers . . . well, it was trying at times but it was a memorable challenge.

Group visits with David King in Zurich

Members were:

Becci Bauman
Deb Bender
Suzanne Gross
Andre Gingerich
Stephanie Haines
Randy Hoover
Rachel Miller
Irene Gross

German and Spanish Club

1977-78 German Club

Watching action under the pinata

The German Club organized several evening activities. They went Christmas caroling and afterwards had a party with the Spanish club. They also participated in a poetry contest which included memorizing and reciting a German poem to the rest of the club.

Getting involved in a Spanish speaking community was a goal for the Spanish Club. They also participated in the Christmas party with the German Club and in the breaking of a pinata and scrambling after the goodies.

Visitor from Germany

ICYE

When I first got involved in the ICYE program I didn't quite know what to expect from the coming exchange year; I just wanted to see something new and experience things different from my everyday routine. Rather than having many expectations, I decided to adopt the attitude of trying to always learn something from new experiences and situations which could somehow broaden my outlook of life. These were the things I wanted to keep in mind during my exchange year in the U.S.A.

Once I arrived here in Goshen I soon found many things very interesting, especially just getting acquainted with new people and becoming accustomed to the everyday life which, of course, was anything but usual to me. I also enjoyed going to a new church as well as learning how to water-ski and play tennis!

Going to school, especially at Bethany, has been a totally different and also very pleasant experience. Since the school system here is in many ways organized differently than ours in Finland, I've been able to study subjects which I probably never would have been allowed to study at home. That, I'm sure, is going to be very helpful to me in the future. The fact that the school itself has made me learn a lot of new things is something to be glad about, but most grateful I am to the Bethany students and teachers whose friendliness along with their helping attitude have impressed me since the first school day. I've really felt a part of the student body. At the same time, as a foreign student, I have tried to be available for others to learn about me.

Sharing with you as people from a different culture and being a part of it has helped me to realize in a concrete way many new ecumenical as well as political aspects. Realizing new things and adopting different ideas from another culture is, I feel, the most important task of an effective exchange program and that's why I feel very proud of being part of the International Christian Youth Exchange program.

Timo Ovaska

The High Aimers

High Aim

High Aimers meeting during the noonhour

Leamon Sowell heads the meeting

The purpose of the High Aim program is to provide an opportunity for minority Mennonite youth to experience a Christian education. The program at Bethany consists of black students who are concerned with gaining a broader outlook on life. After receiving this education, it is hoped that these students will return home and offer whatever gifts they have to build up their own congregations.

Making Things Happen

Student Council and Roy Hartzler

SBA Assemblies

Janelle Diller tops the faculty pyramid

Tug of war during All School Social

Not only is the SBA an organization to plan and entertain, it is a place to present ideas. Ideally we as a student body can use the Student Body Association as a way to stimulate ourselves to grow and get better in touch with each other.

A small part of the SBA is the Student Council, which consists of twelve representatives chosen by the students. It is led by President Bryan Kehr, Vice President Thomas Charles, and sponsor Roy Hartzler.

The Student Council decided to get a head start on the year and retreated to a cabin for a weekend. There they discussed what the SBA was going to do during the coming year and arrived at several goals.

This year the SBA scheduled four assemblies, a workday, a Talent Show and a banquet. Each of these annually-planned activities turned out to be a success. Because of the interest in these activities students felt free to express new ideas to the council, who responded positively by putting them into action.

Dan Bodiker and Donita Schwartzentruber's Lifeteam

Lifeteam skit on prayer

Lifeteams 1,2,3

Al Peachey and Rachel Martin's Lifeteam

Pert Shetler and Cindy Hartzler's Lifeteam

Approximately sixty students gave programs in twenty churches during the month of February. The farthest point served by a Life Team was in Daviess County, 250 miles south of Goshen.

The teams are composed of students and faculty who volunteer for this service. No one is denied the opportunity to serve. Each team is led by a student captain and a faculty sponor. Faculty sponsors this year were Dan Bodiker, Al Peachey, Linda Shetler, Devon Schrock, Marvin Yoder, and Roy S. Koch.

A wide variety of themes was used. Themes include: Prayer, Peace, Discipleship, The Sermon on the Mount, Taking Time for God, and a drama on Mennonite Disaster Service. The programs were given in a fresh, dramatic form. Reception by the church has been warm and affirming.

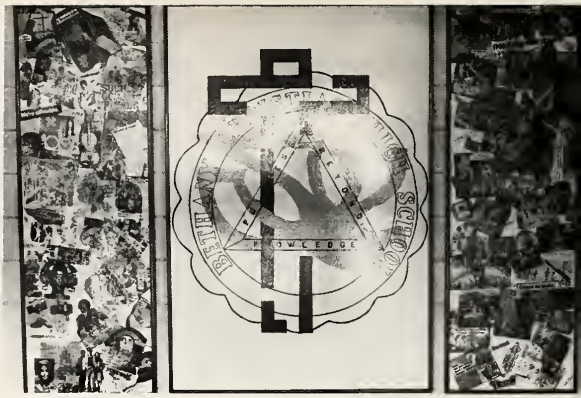
Devon Schrock, Terri Ann Stern and Kathy Yutzy's Lifeteam

Marvin Yoder and Audrey Roth's Lifeteam

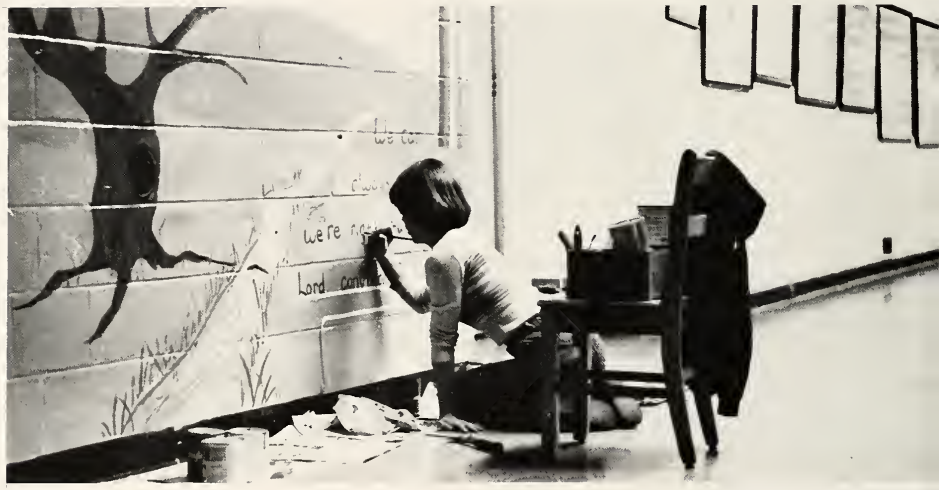
Lifeteams 4,5,6

Roy Koch and Carolyn Dueck's Lifeteam

Art Club



1977-78 Art Club



The 1977-78 Art Club decided the Bethany walls were too bare. Each member was assigned to a part of a wall to create a mural. One stripe was painted between the murals to connect them to show how ideas and interests can be different but at the same time show unity. And in this respect their goal was reached along with livenign up the walls with color.

This collage designed by the 1976-77 Art Club

Home Ec. Club

Home Ec Club discusses their events over lunch hour

1977-78 Home Ec Club

The 1977-78 Home Ec Club planned several activities that involved the entire Bethany community. The girls decorated cookies for the special Christmas chapel and gave the faculty a Valentine's dinner. The girls also spent a day together visiting the Simplicity Factory in Niles, Michigan.

Clubs, con't . . .

Audubon Club and Lester Culp

Student Librarians and Royal Bauer

Pep Club supports team at home game

Photography Club and Lester Culp

Audio Visual Club and Royal Bauer

ACTIVITIES

Charlotte Stichter, Chris Herr, and Jeff Wenger hard at work

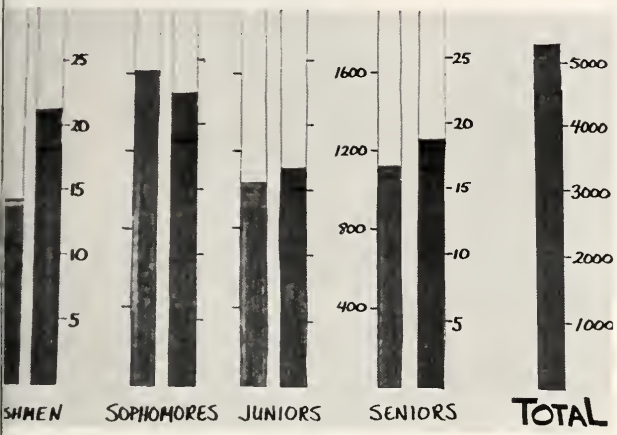
We Work Together

By the sweat of all 250 bodies nearly $5,300 was raised on workday. We considered it a great accomplishment because we earned $1,000 more than past workday earnings.

It was the student body who decided that this fall they wanted the third annual workday. By an overwhelming majority the students also voted that the money raised would start a new heating system fund.

"The student council 'cooly' decided the first $1,500 would be placed in the depleted SBA Treasury," President Bryan Kehr replied.

Every student and faculty member found a job or was assigned one. Several groups of kids worked together on one larger job. Along with the fun it inspired, this brought forth the feeling that everyone was really doing his share.



Sophomores—top moneymakers

Mike Troyer lends Timo Ovaska a helping hand

Kim Shank, Elise Martin, and Bernadine Barranca pick apples

"Seeds of Identity"

Steve Stutzman, Thomas Charles, and Kris Schumm–multi-media presentation

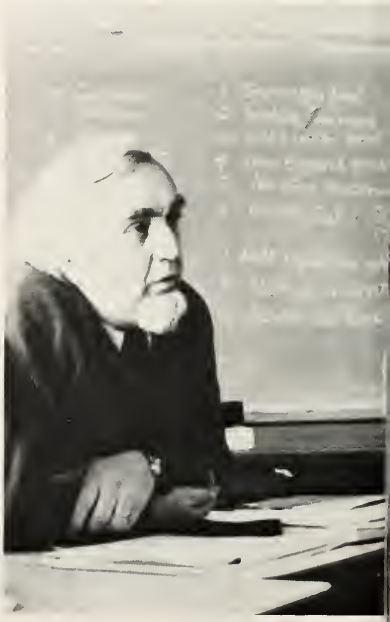
Jason Martin–History from Abraham to the Anabaptists

Schools tend to celebrate holidays and traditions by NOT having school. Bethany brought the celebration of its identity INTO school, confounding the schedule with special events. Each day took a new perspective on the question, "Who are we?" From one angle a collage of familiar faces and songs reflected experiences, feelings, and concerns of our times. From another angle we were given a view of the history of all the people of God starting with Abraham, and we could see ourselves as some of the many stars that number his descendants. From individual points of view we could see ourselves as descendants of particular families with particular stories and roots. Then one story, the life of a Swiss town of the sixteenth century, came alive for us. We could hear and see and feel what it meant to stand for nonconforming beliefs, the joy and pain of maintaining the identity of life, faith and non-resistance.

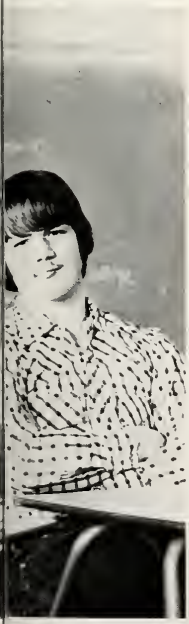
"I'm not strong enough to be a martyr."
"In fear and need I call to thee. Oh God, be my protection."
"God is your strength, little flock."

Perspectives from the community were presented in seminars:
"What standards guide my sexuality?"
"Am I willing to pay the consequences of being a pacifist?"
"Can a Christian be a politician?"
"How can I stand for Christian beliefs in all aspects of my life style?"

Our celebrations took on a variety of forms, last and not least of which was the celebration of NO school. The tradition of a Perspectives Week is intended to spur awareness and growth. Any lingering growing pains?



Hubert Schwartzentruber discusses civil religion during a seminar



Yvonne Young gives her family genealogy

An interpretive dance

Let's Take a Break

Charlotte Stichter admires her macrame

Theresa Wolford tries her skill in foreign foods

The Japanese pottery art, Raku, is attempted by Mabel Bontrager and Judy Weaver

Everett Thomas catches up on reading

Interterm Courses '77

Nurse/Teacher Aide Irene Cross, Diane Schrock Mennonite High Schools Bill Hooley Electronics Roy Hartzler Skiing Pert Shetler, Joyce Eby V.S. Unit Dan Schrock, Marsha Edwards Drama Workshop Royal Bauer Computer Programming Keith Stuckey Ornithology Lester Culp, Al Peachey Intensive Reading Everett Thomas Industrial Arts for Girls Terry Martin Athletics Dan Bodiker Society of Brothers Marvin Yoder Foreign Foods and Macrame Marilyn Stevens Raku Mabel Nisley Family Camping Ed Herr Bicycling Wilmer Hollinger Plants Janelle Diller

A school principal, portrayed by Bryan Kehr

Jim and Bruce Slabaugh soldering in electronics

The whole idea behind interterm is to give students a chance to do things that they can't normally do in a classroom situation. The emphasis of school during interterm is doing rather than learning how to do.

Interterm 1977 took place in March for one week. The students were required to choose a course in their area of interest.

Evil Heretics!

Fire, fire, fire, . . . the flame of dovouring fire

Jan Wouters and family

Georg Blaurock testifies

The crowd riots with angry voices and shaking fists

Villagers chant

We began working on MARTYRS MIRROR with high hopes for a good performance to culminate Perspectives Week. In December when we first saw the music it seemed like an impossible task to learn the dissonant keys and accidentals that Alice Parker had written. But it wasn't long until we realized the beauty and meaning of the oratorio.

After two performances, one for the student body and one for the public, and seeing how moved and tearful the audience was, we grew in our understanding of what it means to have as strong a faith as our ancestors had.

Diane Schrock deserves much credit for her efforts to coordinate this tremendous production.

Sam Martin—The Bailiff

Mary Troyer folds cloth napkins

Karen Scott–une servante parisienne

An Evening of Elegance

"Why can't we go as a group, instead of 'coupling up'?"

"Does the banquet have to bring unneeded tension, worrying about whom we'll go with or how we'll recover from the financial shock?"

"Can't we go and just have fun?"

Questions like these and many others were concerns expressed around banquet time. Those who were concerned brought out many good points, but because plans had already been set, no changes were made.

The banquet was held at the Greencroft Center in Elkhart, which was a welcome change from the Bethany gym. After an elegant meal the entertainment was also a change from the usual movie, to a magician and a short play given by a group of college students.

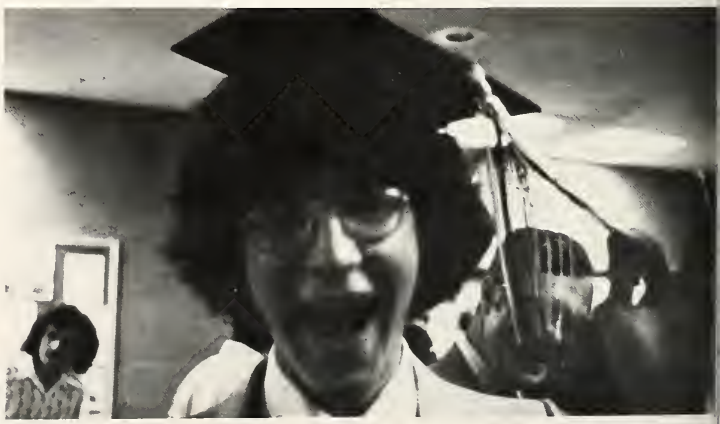
The Junior class was to be commended for their planning efforts. Because of their hard work the evening was made enjoyable for everyone.

Pomp and Circumstance

Randy Hoover—a grinning graduate

One warm May 28th . . .

Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass,
A book of rules;
And each must make—
Ere life is flown—
A stumbling block
Or a stepping stone.
R.L. Sharpe



Anticipation

J.C. Wenger gives his address to the seniors

After many years of preparation,
Seeking who we are and what we stand for,
as individuals,
Striving to be persons of worth,
Proving ourselves,
Proudly we can march
to "Pomp and Circumstance,"
Realizing that at long last
our common goal has been achieved.
But . . . Where do we go from here?
We are traveling on,
Leaving Bethany and its security.
Only memories go on with us.
Yes, we have reached our goals
But there are many more to hurdle.
So many roads to choose from
and decisions to make.
Lord, just help us to be
the best of WHATEVER we are.

Rachel Martin

Those whose hope is strong see and
cherish all signs of life and are ready
every moment to help the birth of that
which is ready to be born.

Erich Fromm

Greg Garber receives diploma

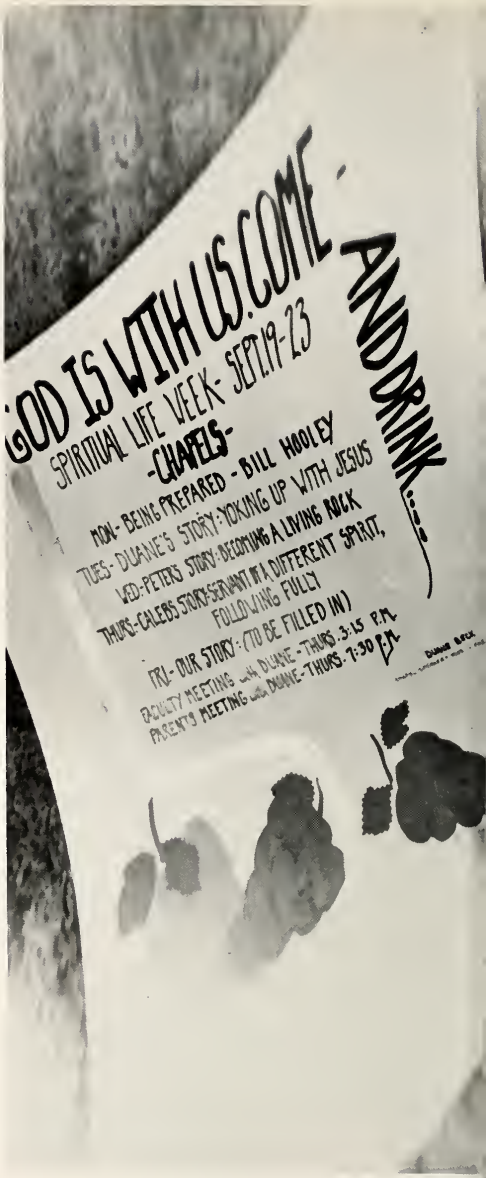
. . . Come And Drink

We were a little surprised by the sudden appearance of Spiritual Life Week and sat apprehensively awaiting our speaker, Duane Beck. In three consecutive chapels Duane presented three "stories"—Duane Beck's story, Caleb's story, and Peter's story. The last day we approached our own story. This last story was especially thought-provoking because it pulled together the theme, "God is With Us, Come and Drink".

Throughout the week we were each involved by participating in a small group, being called upon to answer a question, writing our story and having a good time.

The "special week" confirmed that we are individuals and though belonging to the same institution, can have diversity in our values and still be willing to accept views of others as challenges of our spiritual growth.

Duane Beck tells his story to the student body



Let us sing!

PURPOSES OF CHAPEL

1. worship, inspiration (encouragement)
2. discipleship, growth (challenge)
3. information, sharing (knowledge)
4. BCHS community business
5. developing and deepening convictions

Earl Slagel plays the accordian

Kathy Chupp, student, shares talent

The first of the school year meant the beginning of a new experience: working on the REFLECTOR and trying to make it as good as possible. We decided to try something new and publish the paper every two weeks to keep the news more current and interesting. We wanted to make the REFLECTOR into a community newspaper and get students and faculty involved in contributing voluntarily.

Whether or not we've accomplished our abstract goals is not really certain, but we do know that working on the REFLECTOR and taking that responsibility has been a growing experience for us all. The editors, writers, photographers, typists, cartoonist, and sponsors have become close as a result of all the things we went through together: crisis ("The negatives are lost!"), fun ("I am Rosemarie.") and just the sharing of work.

Anita Yoder taking a break from her job

1977-78 Reflector Staff

Reflections of BCHS

78 Witmarsum Staff (Dave Birky not in picture)

Stephanie Haines and Charlotte Stichter work through another rough one.

A book of copy
And photographs?
Yes, and more than that:
A record of nostalgic memories;
Of people we have met and loved;
Of difficult tasks tackled and surmounted;
Of joys experienced and shared;
Of problems met and conquered;
And of spiritual heights achieved
In our progression toward maturity.

Chris Herr keeps things under control

Randy Graber and Bill Bufton stock up on pies

Fish Fry Leaders:
Brian Kehr
Sheila Koch

Hook, Line, and Sinker

Deb Lowery and mothers cut pies

The fish fry meant something different to different people.

To the leaders it meant using every spare moment (and then some) to "work on the fish fry."

To the Business Manager it meant dreaming in her sleep, "No, no, 12 adult tickets are $33.00 not $31.50."

To some seniors it meant making the decision of whether or not to try to give the publicity signs to businesses or just ditch them in the nearest trash can.

To the mothers of seniors it meant groaning, "Do I have to make 10 pies again?"

But to the senior class it all seemed worthwhile when Kris told us that we had broken our gross record by almost $1,000– a record breaking record breaker. And it was even more fun to use that money to make a big splash in Toronto!

Pat Bontrager in curlers

One example of how fast time went

Itinerary for the Week

The first day in Toronto was spent visiting Casa Loma, a 20th century castle, and a modern science museum. Wednesday was highlighted by a tour of the city by bus after which smaller groups formed for free time in the city.

Thursday morning the seniors headed for Niagara Falls. Time there was spent in the underground tunnels built behind the falls and in tourist "traps." On Friday they headed for home but the monotony of the long trip was broken up with an afternoon stop at Greenfield Village and The Ford Museum.

The realization of how fast time was going now hit base with most of the kids. To make the most of the time remaining, some reacted by singing or talking, while others slept. But about 10:00 Friday, bus loads of tired seniors arrived back in the rainy town of Goshen to conclude a memorable week.

What a Trip!

Anticipation was high as seniors gathered at Bethany the night of October 31. Two chartered buses left the school at 9:00 Monday night to begin the 550 mile voyage to Toronto, Ontario. Along with the sponsors Dan and Diane Bodiker, Pert and Stan Shetler, and Ed and Dee Herr, the class had invited Earl and Annabell Slagel to join them.

Are Greg Bontrager and David Mark lost?

The CN Tower in Toronto, Canada

Two One-Acts Twice

"We are men of culture."

"I am hungry."

"Sure, I'll be student director. Um . . . one question. What does a student director . . . well exactly how do I . . . in other words, what am I supposed to be doing?

But I soon learned that asking such weighty questions often gets one in trouble, such as making daily excursions to uptown Goshen to find out all that I didn't know about getting programs printed, stopping at the budget shop to pick up a costume, running over to Hooks (dependable) to get extra mascara and eye-liner for our trusty make-up committee and then charging back to school for my next class.

Frustrating? No. Insane is a better word. As November 11th and 12th crept closer and closer I found myself asking more and more the question . . . When's the next flight out of here?"

"It's not fair—it's not right!"

A sigh of relief for little Davy

"Okay, folks . . ."

November 11 and 12 represented the culmination of many weeks of hard work. "The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson and "Out at Sea" by Slovomir Mrozek gave several dozen students and one novice director a chance to test our talent, patience, and sanity. The process was not an easy one; much time and energy (not to mention a few tears) were spent in preparing for the final production. The two one-act plays finally fell into place during the last dress rehearsals—much to everyone's relief. Once it was over and our lives returned to normal, we agreed that maybe it had been worth the time and energy. And maybe, just maybe, we would be willing to do it again sometime.

Janelle Diller

An Added Vacation

Six o'clock in the morning and my mind is still hazy with sleep. Hopping out of bed, I pull on my clothes and plod downstairs. I pour myself a bowl of Crunchy-Munchies and turn on the radio. Just as I'm reaching for the milk, the words "No school today for Goshen Community, Bethany Christian . . ."

After a dash to the window, the radio report is confirmed. The street is, indeed, drifted shut and it's still blowing. I yell a hearty "Yahoo!" Now I have a free day in front of me, especially since my homework was conveniently left at school.

But wait! I can't get out of the drive and I'm stuck inside all day! After three game shows and four comic books, I look out the window, and though I'd never admit, I'm hoping for the sun.

The Bethany students and faculty, along with most other Indiana schools, were given an unexpected vacation because of high winds and twenty inches of accumulated snow. Schools were dismissed on January 26 and were back in session on February 1—a five day break from the routine of school.

1977-78 GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Team Record 8-14
B-team Record 10-5
C-team Record 2-1

Lakeland	
Fairfield	
West Noble	
Warsaw	
*Whites	
Wawasee	
Northridge	
***MAC Tourney	
*Jimtown	
Goshen	
Elkhart Memorial	
Northwood	
*Westview	
*Prairie Heights	
Concord	
Bremen	
*Jimtown (sectionals)	
Concord (sectionals)	

Coach Pert Shetler
Manager Donita Schwartzentruber
Statitician Lori Yoder

*Denotes Match Victory

1977-78 VARSITY SOCCER

Team Record 8-8
B-team Record 0-4

BCHS	1	Westview	2
BCHS	1	Argos	4
BCHS	1	Culver Military	2
BCHS	8	Marion	1
BCHS	2	Culver Military	3
BCHS	4	LaLumiere	1
BCHS	2	Marquette	1
BCHS	0	Westview	1
BCHS	2	Heritage	4
BCHS	5	Osceola	0
BCHS	1	Westview	2
BCHS	3	Salesian Prep	1
BCHS	7	Marion	0
BCHS	3	Iowa Mennonite	1
BCHS	2	Central Christian	0
BCHS	3	Freemont Christian	6

Coaches Dan Bodiker, Al Peachey
Managers Bonnie Bufton, Marty Miller, Carolyn Stoll

1977-78 GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Team Record 4-14

BCHS	45	Westview	61
BCHS	34	Prairie Heights	58
BCHS	23	West Noble	40
BCHS	30	Elkhart Central	54
BCHS	37	Huntington Catholic	31
BCHS	17	Northwood	71
BCHS	29	Kewanna	56
BCHS	27	Elkhart Memorial	42
BCHS	24	Jimtown	47
BCHS	20	Northridge	43
BCHS	27	Fairfield	63
BCHS	26	Lakeland	50
BCHS	27	Goshen	43
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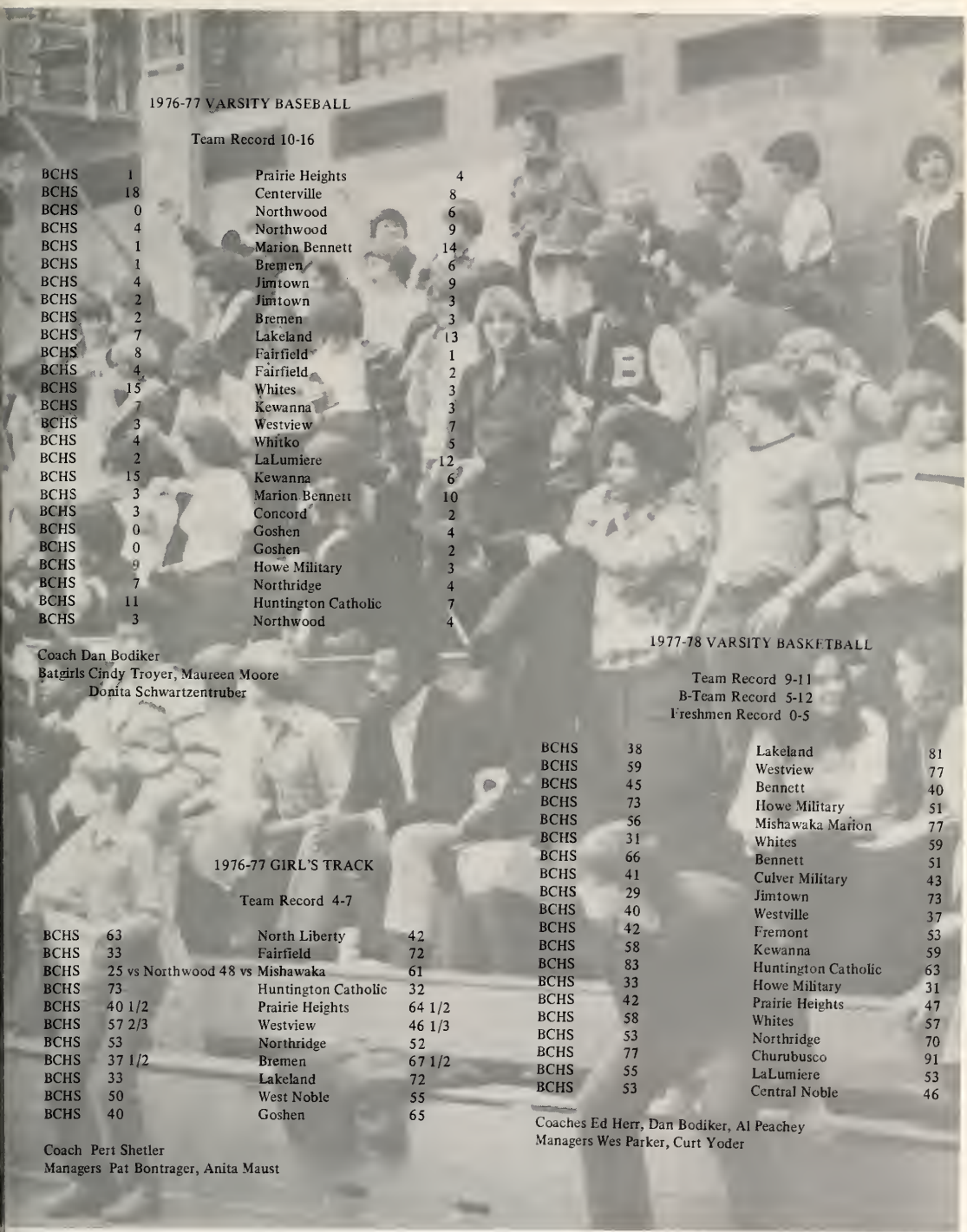

1976-77 VARSITY BASEBALL

Team Record 10-16

BCHS	1	Prairie Heights	4
BCHS	18	Centerville	8
BCHS	0	Northwood	6
BCHS	4	Northwood	9
BCHS	1	Marion Bennett	14
BCHS	1	Bremen	6
BCHS	4	Jimtown	9
BCHS	2	Jimtown	3
BCHS	2	Bremen	3
BCHS	7	Lakeland	13
BCHS	8	Fairfield	1
BCHS	4	Fairfield	2
BCHS	15	Whites	3
BCHS	7	Kewanna	3
BCHS	3	Westview	7
BCHS	4	Whitko	5
BCHS	2	LaLumiere	12
BCHS	15	Kewanna	6
BCHS	3	Marion Bennett	10
BCHS	3	Concord	2
BCHS	0	Goshen	4
BCHS	0	Goshen	2
BCHS	9	Howe Military	3
BCHS	7	Northridge	4
BCHS	11	Huntington Catholic	7
BCHS	3	Northwood	4

Coach Dan Bodiker
Batgirls Cindy Troyer, Maureen Moore
Donita Schwartzentruber

1977-78 VARSITY BASKETBALL

Team Record 9-11
B-Team Record 5-12
Freshmen Record 0-5

BCHS	38	Lakeland	81
BCHS	59	Westview	77
BCHS	45	Bennett	40
BCHS	73	Howe Military	51
BCHS	56	Mishawaka Marion	77
BCHS	31	Whites	59
BCHS	66	Bennett	51
BCHS	41	Culver Military	43
BCHS	29	Jimtown	73
BCHS	40	Westville	37
BCHS	42	Fremont	53
BCHS	58	Kewanna	59
BCHS	83	Huntington Catholic	63
BCHS	33	Howe Military	31
BCHS	42	Prairie Heights	47
BCHS	58	Whites	57
BCHS	53	Northridge	70
BCHS	77	Churubusco	91
BCHS	55	LaLumiere	53
BCHS	53	Central Noble	46

Coaches Ed Herr, Dan Bodiker, Al Peachey
Managers Wes Parker, Curt Yoder

1976-77 GIRL'S TRACK

Team Record 4-7

BCHS	63	North Liberty	42
BCHS	33	Fairfield	72
BCHS	25 vs Northwood 48 vs	Mishawaka	61
BCHS	73	Huntington Catholic	32
BCHS	40 1/2	Prairie Heights	64 1/2
BCHS	57 2/3	Westview	46 1/3
BCHS	53	Northridge	52
BCHS	37 1/2	Bremen	67 1/2
BCHS	33	Lakeland	72
BCHS	50	West Noble	55
BCHS	40	Goshen	65

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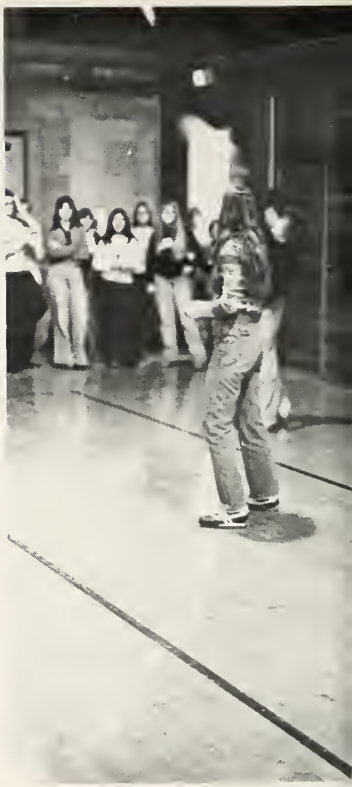


Co-ed volleyball

Bethany offered intramurals to all the students who wished to participate in an extra-curricular activity. Noons and after school hours were scheduled full during the year with co-ed softball, co-ed and boys soccer, co-ed volleyball, basketball, free-throw tournament, one on one in basketball, and a ping-pong tournament.

Ping-pong tournament

Intramural soccer

Intramural basketball

A Disappointing Season

1977-78 Girl's Basketball team

Pert gives the girls a pep talk

Janel Wittmer enjoys a time out

The honorable Pert

With a record of 1-14, the 1977-78 Girl's Basketball season was over. There were no championships won, no trophies added to the case. Even the sectionals brought disappointment. But seasons are not to be judged by honors received. Instead, the importance of this season is found in the lessons learned as the girls worked together, in friendships that were strengthened, and in the frustration and success that each team member experienced.

On Your Mark . . .

The Bethany Girls' Track team began in the spring. Forty girls began the season and twenty-one finished it. But Pert was still happy with the large turn out.

Throughout the season many individual records were broken. The season ended with four wins and eight losses.

Several individuals had improved their time or distance which gave a feeling of success. The team was especially proud of Ronda Christophel who broke two individual records and participated in the Regional Competition.

Mabel Bontrager jumps in style

Rose Ann Stutzman stretches for the lead

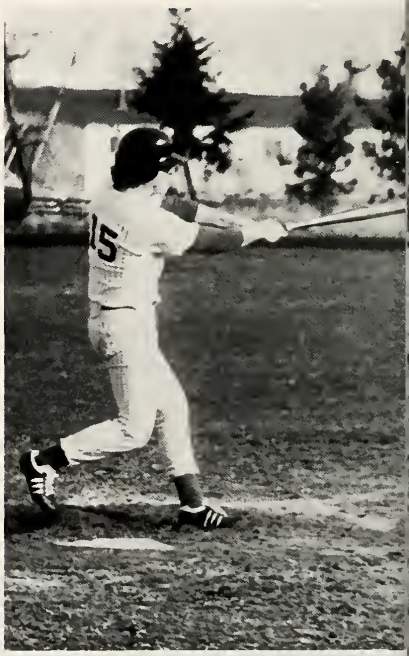
Carmen Reyes finishing her stretch

(bas'bol'), n.

The baseball team of 1977 was faced with tough competition throughout the season. They closed with a final record of 10 wins and 16 losses having an expanded schedule. In the end they were the runners up in the conference tourney.

One of the highlights of the season was the team building new dugouts together.

Varsity Baseball, 10-16



Mike Yutzy connects

Possible despair behind the backstop

Cross Country Club

This fall Bethany had a Cross Country Club. It was an experimental activity to see if there was any interest in the sport. The team participated in three meets resulting in one win and two losses.

But there was great interest shown and hopefully Cross Country will be a Varsity sport next fall.

Team Breaks Even

The 1977 soccer season started with the hope of accomplishing many goals. Among those goals were those of being the best, of winning the state tournament, of going undefeated the entire season, of getting Bod's 100th win for him, and the goal of working together as a team.

We didn't win the state tournament; we were beat in the first round. We didn't go undefeated; our record was 8-8. And although we didn't get Bod's 100th win, we gave him 99 instead.

Another cornerkick for Thomas Charles

Varsity soccer, 8-8

The season was not one of complete loss and frustration. Once again Bethany had more people elected to all-conference first team than any other school. Tom Charles, Chris Herr, and Bryan Kehr received this honor and Dave Birky was elected to second team. We also scored 45 goals, the highest in Bethany's history. Bod said we were one of the best passing teams he's ever had.

This season the front line scored 30 of the 45 goals. Next year the entire starting front line is returning. Next year . . . next year . . . next year . . .

B-team Soccer, 0-3-1

Bryan Kehr kicks to defend goal

Varsity Volleyball, 8-14

Mary Lehman preparing to bump

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Takes a Volleyball to Win

B-team Volleyball, 10-5

The volleyball season of 1977 was a challenge, when we started our conditioning and practices. Knowing that we had only three varsity players returning, meant giving our all and developing the skills we had.

The beginning of the season was rough. We weren't used to playing together as a team. As the season progressed, we played with more ease and felt less nervous under pressure.

It was important for us to feel good about games lost as well as won, especially since we switched to the Elkhart sectional which brought on stiffer competition. This resulted in several team talks in the locker room to straighten out feelings that might had in any way hindered our playing well.

Nevertheless, this season was a good experience, which allowed us to learn more about each other as well as to learn more effective ways to play volleyball.

Overtime Is Better Than No Time!

1977-78 Basketball Team

This bunch is the most co-operative and hard-working group I've had at Bethany. It's been fun because they do work so hard." Ed Herr

"It was very disheartening to lose to Kewanna in four overtimes. We almost gave up hope of gaining the league championship, but we pulled through in beating Whites later on in the season!" Bryan Kehr

Mike Troyer takes the jump

Team and fans intrigued by the game

"The attitude the team has had treating others as persons of value is a great thing. They talked to the opponents or lent a hand to a player that had fallen." Marilyn Stephens

Bryan Kehr aims for the bucket

Teams Work Hard

1977-78 Junior Varsity Basketball team

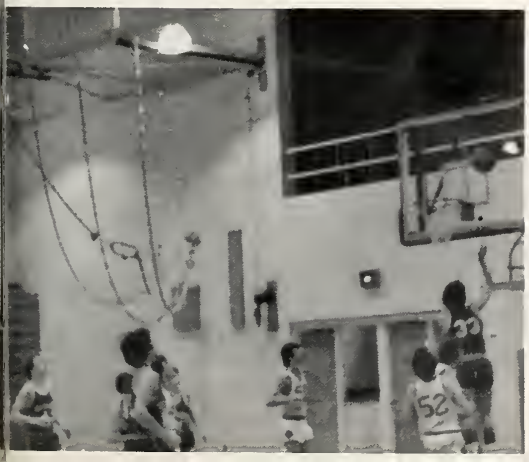
Practice is a part of the game

Paul Steury preparing to leap

Considering that the Junior Varsity basketball team was a group of young players, and for some it was their first year, they surprised Coach Bodiker with their determination and improvement during the season.

1977-78 Freshmen Basketball team

The freshmen coach, Al Peachey, found working with these fellows satisfying. He noticed improvement and they had a lot of fun working together. Perhaps though, with more practices on a regular basis, they could have won a few of the close games.



Spirit—Let's Hear It

All of our games were not victories but yet the teams worked hard when the going was tough. Along with the cheerleaders, the pep band has been an asset. Extra noise and rhythmic sounds gets both fans and players keyed up to do their best.

Everyone seemed to be supportive and interested in what was going on at Bethany, not just in sports but in academics and the arts.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

Varsity Cheerleaders

Cheerleading tryouts

Pep Band

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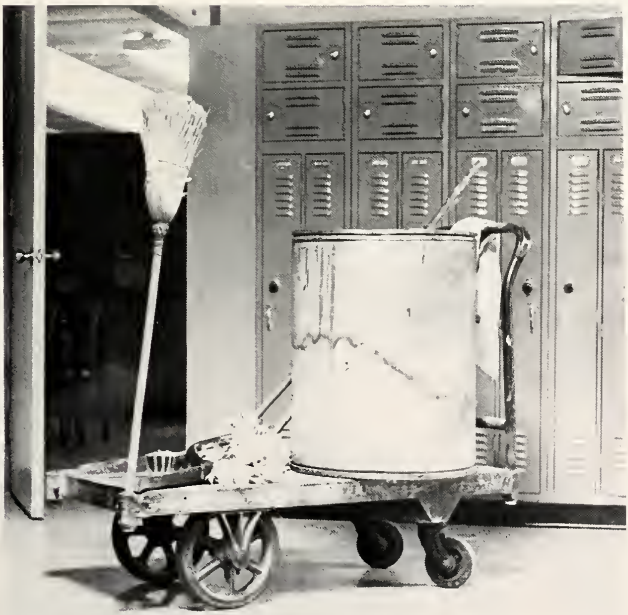

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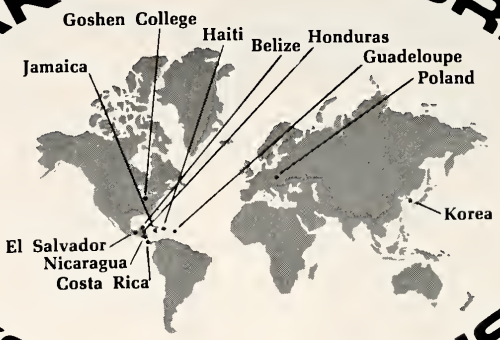

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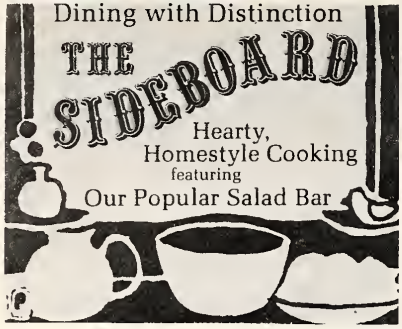

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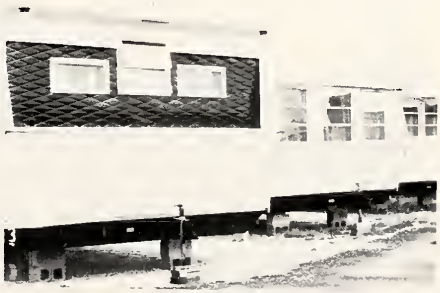

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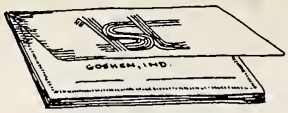

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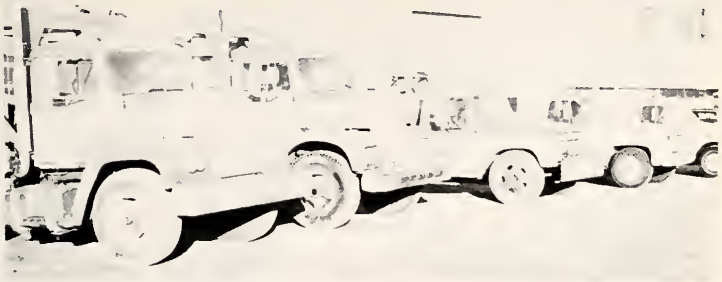

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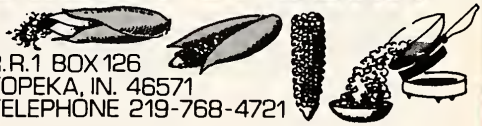
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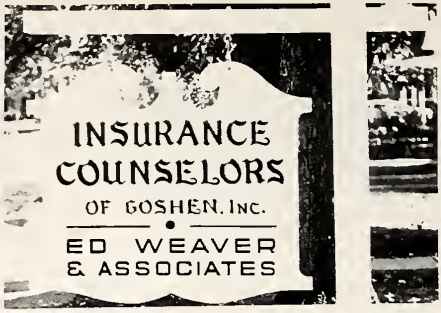

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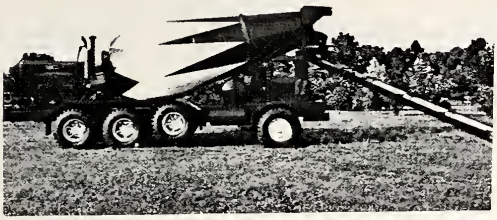

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